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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS KELLY TO SPEARHEAD WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RECOVERY EFFORTS

RALEIGH— Gov. Mike Easley today appointed David Kelly of Oak Island to spearhead western North Carolina recovery efforts and oversee the Western Recovery Task Force. Kelly begins work Monday and will devote full-time efforts to western North Carolina recovery following several natural disasters that struck the region this year.

“David successfully managed Hurricane Floyd’s recovery efforts, and I am confident that his expertise will help meet the needs of our western North Carolina residents,” Easley said. “The west has suffered some of its most severe flooding ever and the task force, with David’s leadership, will help the families, businesses and communities recover.”

Established by the governor in October, the 41-member task force consists of local officials, business leaders, non-profit organizations and economic developers. The task force, chaired by Gordon Myers, is currently evaluating the needs of the western region while also making recommendations on recovery strategies. It is expected to provide a full report to Easley, Kelly and the legislature in December.

In May 2001, Easley appointed Kelly to head the Hurricane Floyd Redevelopment Office and oversee recovery efforts. He had previously served as Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety from November 1999 until January 2001. He had served as deputy secretary since May 1997 with direct responsibility for operation of the State Highway Patrol, Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, Law Enforcement Support Services and the N.C. Boxing Commission.

He was an assistant secretary for Public Safety from 1977 to 1982. During that time, Kelly developed the State Emergency Response Team concept, which is still in use today. He also helped establish the state emergency plan for responding to nuclear power plant incidents.

In 1982, he joined the former Carolina Power & Light Co. as manager of external relations for the Brunswick Nuclear Plant in Southport. In 1993, he was promoted to director of external affairs at CP&L’s corporate office in Raleigh, a position he held until being appointed deputy secretary at CCPS.

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